[*Translation*]

Control of Ropar, Harike and Ferozepur Headworks

142. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Punjab has not handed over the control of Ropar, Harike and Ferozepur headworks to Bhakra-Beas Management Board ;

(b) if so, whether the former Chief Minister of Rajasthan had written a letter to the Prime Minister on 6 December, 1989 for taking immediate action in this regard ;

(c) if so, whether necessary instructions have been given by the Union Government to Punjab Government in this regard ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the time by which the instructions are likely to be given ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Control has not been handed over to Bhakra Beas Management Board.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) A directive was issued by the Central Government on 3rd January, 1978 under Sub Section (8) of Section 79 of the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966, directing the Government of Punjab to hand over the control of the Headworks at Ropar, Harike and Ferozepur to Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB). Subsequently an agreement was signed by the Cheif Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan in the presence of the Prime Minister on 31-12-1981 wherein there was a provision regarding measures to ensure equitable distribution of water to all the partner States. Accordingly, BBMB has been regularly monitoring the release of water to the various States. All the partner States including Rajasthan and Haryana are represented on the BBMB and any complaint about short supplies is taken up by the representatives of the States concerned and sorted out in the Board. Further, in a joint meeting held on 19-9-90 in which senior representatives of Government of Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, J&K, etc. participated, it was pointed out that Rajasthan had on no occasion brought before the Technical Committee of BBMB any complaint of less release of water. It was, *inter alia*, decided that such issues should be sorted out among the partner States in the Technical Committee.

[*English*]

Tourism Plan

143. SHRI V. S. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have drawn up any new tourism plan for the current year ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, Statewise ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) and

(b) The Ministry has prepared its annual plan for the year 1991-92 which provides for giving some financial assistance to the State Governments for augmentation of their tourism infrastructural facilities. This assistance is extended on specific proposals received from the State Governments subject to availability of funds and inter-se priorities.

Transportation of Coal from Singareni Collieries

144. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Railways have not supplied adequate rakes to Singareni Collieries to carry coal to Vijayawada Thermal Power Station resulting in some units being shut off ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Railways to meet the full demand of rakes for that Collieries ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Railway Lines in Orissa

145. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the rail links the Orissa Government has recommended to the Union Government for implementation ; and

(b) the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) The names of the rail links recommended by the Orissa Government are as under :—

I.	Daitari-Banspani Railway Line	143 km
II.	Talcher-Gopalpur Port Railway line	325 km
III.	Jeypore-Malkangiri Railway line	100 km
IV.	Rayagada-Gopalpur Port Railway line	165 km

(b) I. *Daitari-Banspani raliway line* (143 *km*)

The construction of Daitari-Banspani (143 km) new BG railway line is under consideration of the Ministry of Surface Transport and Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (M. M. T. C.) as a part of the proposal mooted by M/s Hyundai Corporation of South Korea for the development of Paradeep Port for export of Iron Ore. As soon as the Ministry of Surface Transport and M.M.T.C. finalise the proposal including the financial arrangements for funding of the rail ink project and the Ministry of Environment and Forests also clears it from the environmental and forestry angles, the Railways can take up the construction of this new BG railway line.

II. *Talcher-Gopalpur Port railway line* (325 *km*)

The Railway has been asked to carry out a quick reappraisal survey for Talcher-Berhampur-Gopalpur Port railway line.

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